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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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SECURITIES INVESTOR PROTECTION	:
CORPORATION,	:
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Plaintiff-Applicant,	:
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v.	:
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BERNARD L. MADOFF INVESTMENT	:
SECURITIES, LLC,	:
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Defendant.	:
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In re:	:
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BERNARD L. MADOFF,	:
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Debtor.	:
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IRVING H. PICARD, Trustee for the Liquidation	:
Of Bernard L. Madoff Investment Securities LLC	:
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Plaintiff,	:
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v.	:
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FRIEDA BLOOM,	:
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Defendant.	:
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SIPA LIQUIDATION

No. 08-01789 (SMB)

Adv. Pro. No. 10-04301 (SMB)

**ANSWER AND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES**

Defendant Frieda Bloom (“Defendant”) by and through her attorneys, Lax & Neville LLP, responds to Plaintiff Irving H. Picard’s Complaint dated November 12, 2010, as follows, upon knowledge as to herself and her own acts and upon information and belief as to all other matters:

**NATURE OF PROCEEDING**

1. Defendant admits that Bernard L. Madoff (“Madoff”) pled guilty to certain crimes and respectfully refers the Court to a copy of the transcript of the United States District Court for Southern District of New York dated March 12, 2009 and other filings and pleadings in that case for the complete contents therein. To the extent a response is required, Defendant expressly denies receipt of avoidable transfers, and denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the other allegations of Paragraph 1.

2. Paragraph 2 consists of certain legal conclusions and/or arguments as to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendant denies the allegations in Paragraph 2.

3. Paragraph 3 consists of certain legal conclusions and/or arguments as to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendant denies the allegations in Paragraph 3.

**JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

4. The allegations of Paragraph 4 that that this Court has jurisdiction over this adversary proceeding are legal conclusions to which no response is required. Defendant denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of all other allegations of

Paragraph 4, and refer the Court and the parties to the filings, orders, and proceedings in the District Court Proceeding (as defined in Paragraph 4 of the Complaint), the SIPA Proceeding (as defined in Paragraph 4 of the Complaint and in the criminal action against Bernard L. Madoff).

5. The allegations of Paragraph 5 consist of certain legal conclusions and/or arguments as to which no response is required.

6. The allegations of Paragraph 6 consist of certain legal conclusions and/or arguments as to which no response is required.

**DEFENDANT**

7. Defendant admits the allegations of Paragraph 7.

**BACKGROUND, THE TRUSTEE AND STANDING**

8. Defendant denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in Paragraph 8, except admit that on information and belief, that Madoff was arrested on December 11, 2008, and refer the Court to the filings and pleadings in the various referenced actions relating to Madoff and BLMIS for the complete contents therein. The footnote to Paragraph 8 consists of a legal conclusion to which no response is required.

9. Defendant denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in Paragraph 9, and refers the Court to the referenced order for the complete contents therein.

10. Defendant denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 10.

11. Defendant denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 11.

12. Defendant denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 12.

13. Defendant denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 13.

14. Defendant denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 14.

15. Paragraph 15 consists of a series of legal conclusions and/or arguments as to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendant denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 15.

16. Paragraph 16 consists of a series of legal conclusions and/or arguments as to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendant denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 16.

17. Paragraph 17 consists of a series of legal conclusions and/or arguments as to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendant denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Paragraph 17.

18. Paragraph 18 consists of a series of legal conclusions and/or arguments as to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendant denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Paragraph 18.

**THE FRAUDULENT PONZI SCHEME**

19. Defendant admits, upon information and belief, that BLMIS was a broker-dealer registered with the Securities & Exchange Commission and a member of SIPC, and admits that at certain times BLMIS had an office at 885 Third Avenue, New York, New York. Defendant denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the remaining allegations contained in Paragraph 19.

20. Defendant denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 20.

21. Defendant denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 21.

22. Defendant admits that she received monthly statements but denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the remaining allegations set forth in Paragraph 22. To the extent that Plaintiff relies on Madoff's Plea Allocution for the allegations in Paragraph 22, Defendant refers the Court to the referenced plea allocution for the complete contents therein.

23. Defendant denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Paragraph 23.

24. Defendant denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Paragraph 24.

25. Paragraph 25 consists of certain legal conclusions and/or arguments for which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendant denies that any monies sent

to BLMIS were used to enrich Defendant and denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the remaining allegations contained in Paragraph 25.

26. Paragraph 26 consists of certain legal conclusions and/or arguments for which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendant denies that any monies sent to BLMIS were used to enrich Defendant and denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the remaining allegations contained in Paragraph 26.

27. Defendant denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Paragraph 27.

28. Defendant denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Paragraph 28.

29. Defendant denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Paragraph 29.

30. Defendant denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Paragraph 30.

31. Defendant denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Paragraph 31.

32. Defendant denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Paragraph 32.

33. Defendant denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Paragraph 33.

**THE TRANSFERS**

34. Defendant denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Paragraph 34.

35. Defendant admits that she made deposits to her BLMIS account. Defendant denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the remaining allegations contained in Paragraph 35.

36. Defendant denies the allegations set forth in Paragraph 36 of the Complaint, except she admits that she received certain transfers from, and made certain transfers to, her account at BLMIS prior to the Filing Date, but states that only the transfers made during the two years prior to the Filing Date may be the subjects of claims for avoidance in this adversary proceeding under applicable law and governing jurisprudence. *See* 11 U.S.C. § 546(e); *Picard v. Ida Fishman Revocable Trust*, 773 F.3d 411 (2d Cir. 2014), *cert denied*, 135 S. Ct. 2858 and 135 S. Ct. 2859 (2015).

37. Defendant states that the allegations of Paragraph 37 of the Complaint are legal conclusions or arguments as to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendant denies each and every allegation set forth in Paragraph 37 of the Complaint except that Defendant admits that she received certain transfers from, and made certain transfers to, her accounts at BLMIS during the six year period and the two year period prior to the Filing Date, but state that only the transfers made during the two years prior to the Filing Date may be the subjects of claims for avoidance in this adversary proceeding under applicable law and governing jurisprudence. *See* 11 U.S.C. § 546(e); *Picard v. Ida Fishman Revocable Trust*, 773 F.3d 411 (2d Cir. 2014), *cert denied*, 135 S. Ct. 2858 and 135 S. Ct. 2859 (2015).

38. Defendant denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Paragraph 38 of the Complaint. Defendant further states that Paragraph 38 does not make any allegation against any Defendant.

39. The allegations contained in Paragraph 39 are legal conclusions for which no response is required.

### **CUSTOMER CLAIMS**

40. Defendant admits the allegations contained in Paragraph 40 of the Complaint.

41. Defendant admits the allegations contained in Paragraph 41 of the Complaint.

42. Defendant admits the allegations contained in Paragraph 42 of the Complaint.

43. Defendant denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Paragraph 43 of the Complaint, and refers the Court to the filings, orders and proceedings in the District Court Proceeding and in the criminal action against Bernard L. Madoff. Defendant does not concede the truth or admissibility of any such allocutions, filings, orders and/or proceedings.

### **COUNT ONE** **FRAUDULENT TRANSFER – 11 U.S.C. §§ 548(a)(1)(A), 550(a) AND 551**

44. Defendant responds to Paragraph 44 of the Complaint as they have responded to the allegations incorporated by reference therein.

45. Paragraph 45 consists of certain legal conclusions and/or arguments for which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendant denies knowledge and information sufficient to form and belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Paragraph



45 of the Complaint, except admits that Defendant received certain transfers from BLMIS during the two years prior to the Filing Date.

46. Defendant states that the allegations of Paragraph 46 of the Complaint are legal conclusions or arguments for which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendant denies each and every allegation contained therein.

47. The allegations contained in Paragraph 47 are legal conclusions for which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendant denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Paragraph 47.

48. The allegations contained in Paragraph 48 are legal conclusions for which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendant denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 48.

49. The allegations contained in Paragraph 49 are legal conclusions for which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendant denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 49.

**COUNT TWO**  
**FRAUDULENT TRANSFER – 11 U.S.C. §§ 548(a)(1)(B), 550(a) AND 551**

**Note for Answer to Count Two:** This count was dismissed in its entirety pursuant to the Court's July 16, 2015 Order. All counts in this Complaint other than those seeking to avoid and recover initial and subsequent transfers pursuant to Sections 548(a)(1)(A), 550, and 551 of the Bankruptcy Code have been dismissed. Accordingly, Defendant makes no answer to Paragraphs 50-58 of the Complaint.

**COUNT THREE**  
**FRAUDULENT TRANSFER – NEW YORK DEBTOR AND CREDITOR LAW §§ 276,**  
**278 AND/OR 279, AND 11 U.S.C. §§ 544(b), 550(a) AND 551**

**Note for Answer to Count Three:** This count was dismissed in its entirety pursuant to the Court's July 16, 2015 Order. All counts in this Complaint other than those seeking to avoid and recover initial and subsequent transfers pursuant to Sections 548(a)(1)(A), 550, and 551 of the Bankruptcy Code have been dismissed. Accordingly, Defendant makes no answer to Paragraphs 59-63 of the Complaint.

**COUNT FOUR**  
**FRAUDULENT TRANSFER – NEW YORK DEBTOR AND CREDITOR LAW §§ 273,**  
**278 AND/OR 279, AND 11 U.S.C. §§ 544(b), 550(a) AND 551**

**Note for Answer to Count Four:** This count was dismissed in its entirety pursuant to the Court's July 16, 2015 Order. All counts in this Complaint other than those seeking to avoid and recover initial and subsequent transfers pursuant to Sections 548(a)(1)(A), 550, and 551 of the Bankruptcy Code have been dismissed. Accordingly, Defendant makes no answer to Paragraphs 64-69 of the Complaint.

**COUNT FIVE**  
**FRAUDULENT TRANSFER – NEW YORK DEBTOR AND CREDITOR LAW §§ 274,**  
**278 AND/OR 279, AND 11 U.S.C. §§ 544(b), 550(a) AND 551**

**Note for Answer to Count Five:** This count was dismissed in its entirety pursuant to the Court's July 16, 2015 Order. All counts in this Complaint other than those seeking to avoid and recover initial and subsequent transfers pursuant to Sections 548(a)(1)(A), 550, and 551 of the Bankruptcy Code have been dismissed. Accordingly, Defendant makes no answer to Paragraphs 70-75 of the Complaint.

**COUNT SIX**  
**FRAUDULENT TRANSFER – NEW YORK DEBTOR AND CREDITOR LAW §§ 275,**  
**278 AND/OR 279, AND 11 U.S.C. §§ 544(b), 550(a) AND 551**

**Note for Answer to Count Six:** This count was dismissed in its entirety pursuant to the Court's July 16, 2015 Order. All counts in this Complaint other than those seeking to avoid and recover initial and subsequent transfers pursuant to Sections 548(a)(1)(A), 550, and 551 of the Bankruptcy Code have been dismissed. Accordingly, Defendant makes no answer to Paragraphs 76-81 of the Complaint.

**AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES**

**FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

The Complaint fails to state a claim upon which relief can be granted.

**SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

The Complaint violates Rules 8(a)(2) and 9(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, *Ashcroft v. Iqbal*, 129 S. Ct. 1937 (2009), and *Bell Atlantic Corp. v. Twombly*, 550 U.S. 544 (2007), by, *inter alia*, (a) failing to describe each specific transfer and its recipients, and improperly combining allegations as to all Defendants, (b) pleading numerous background allegations and purported legal standards that are not required for the assertion of the alleged claims, (c) pleading numerous factual allegations about which Defendants could not possibly have knowledge, and (d) failing to allege facts sufficient to demonstrate that any transfers allegedly made to Defendants were made with actual intent to hinder, delay or defraud creditors or customers of BLMIS.

**THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

The Complaint should be dismissed because the Trustee lacks standing, in whole or in part, to bring the claims asserted, or to recover the amount of transfers he seeks to avoid.

**FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

The Complaint should be dismissed because the Trustee's claims are barred by the applicable statute of limitations.

**FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

The Complaint should be dismissed because the Trustee's claims are barred, in whole or in part, by the doctrines of waiver, estoppel, *in pari delicto*, unclean hands, laches and/or issue preclusion.

**SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

With respect to any transfers Defendant may have received, Defendant is not liable because they provided "fair consideration" for such transfers and received such transfers in good faith.

**SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

With respect to any transfers Defendant may have received, Defendant is not liable because they gave equivalent value in exchange for such transfers.

**EIGHTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

With respect to any transfers Defendant may have received, Defendant is not liable because they lacked actual fraudulent intent.

**NINTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

This Court lacks jurisdiction under *Stern v. Marshall*, 131 S. Ct. 2594 (2011), and its progeny. Defendant does not concede that the claims asserted in the Complaint are core proceedings, and Defendant does not consent to the entry of a final order and judgment by the Bankruptcy Court. Defendant further demands a trial by jury, and do not consent to trial by jury in the Bankruptcy Court.

**TENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

The Complaint is barred, in whole or in part, because the Trustee has failed to plead all of the elements of fraudulent transfers under Sections 548(a)(1)(A) and 548(a)(1)(B) of the Bankruptcy Code with sufficient particularity and factual support.

**ELEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

The claims are not ripe because they do not meet the conditions of section 78fff-2(c)(3) of SIPA. The Trustee has not established that there is a shortfall in customer property.

**TWELVTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

There can be no liability to a recipient of alleged transfers who, as a matter of law or contact, was required to transfer any portion of the funds to a third party.

**THIRTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

Without admitting the allegations in the Complaint, the claims are barred to the extent that the alleged transfers were earmarked as funds provided to the Debtor for the purpose of paying a specific indebtedness to the Internal Revenue Service.

**FOURTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

Defendant is not liable for withdrawals they were compelled by law to make.

**FIFTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

Without admitting the allegations in the Complaint, any transfers alleged to be made by the Debtor, to the extent they were actually received by the Defendant, are not recoverable by virtue of 11 U.S.C. § 550(b) and/or (e).

**SIXTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

Without admitting the allegations in the Complaint, any transfers alleged to be made by the Debtor, to the extent they were actually received by the Defendant, were taken for value and in good faith, as provided by 11 U.S.C. § 548(c). They are thus not avoidable or recoverable as against Defendant under 11 U.S.C. §§ 548 and 550.

**SEVENTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

Without admitting the allegations in the Complaint, any transfers alleged to be made by the Debtor, to the extent they were actually received by Defendant alleged to have been a subsequent transferee, were taken for value and in good faith, and without knowledge of voidability, as provided by 11 U.S.C. § 550(a). They are thus not avoidable or recoverable as against Defendant under 11 U.S.C. §§ 548 and 550.

**EIGHTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

Without admitting the allegations in the Complaint, any transfers alleged to be made by the Debtor, to the extent they were actually received by Defendant, were taken for fair consideration and without knowledge of the fraud, as provided by Section 278(1) of the New York Debtor and Creditor Law. Accordingly, the alleged transfers are not avoidable or recoverable as against the Defendant under 11 U.S.C. §§ 544 and 550 or Sections 272 through 276 of the New York Debtor and Creditor Law.

### **NINETEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

Without admitting the allegations in the Complaint, any transfers alleged to be made by the Debtor, to the extent they were actually received by Defendant, were taken without actual fraudulent intent and for fair consideration, as provided by Section 278(2) of the New York Debtor and Creditor Law. Accordingly, the alleged transfers are not avoidable or recoverable as against the Defendant under 11 U.S.C. §§ 544 and 550 or Sections 272 through 276 of the New York Debtor and Creditor Law.

### **TWENTIETH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

Without admitting the allegations in the Complaint, any transfers alleged to be made by the Debtor, to the extent they were actually received by Defendant, are subject to setoff or equitable adjustment because Defendant received such transfers in good faith, without knowledge of the alleged fraud, and in payment of an antecedent debt, in whole or in part, on account of obligations owed by BLMIS for, among other things, (i) amounts contractually due to customers, under New York law for the balances shown on prior customer account statements and related documents; (ii) rescission remedies, including damages and interest for fraud and misrepresentation pursuant to federal and state law; (iii) the time value of money; (iv) unjust enrichment; (v) damages for breach of fiduciary duty; and/or (vi) money had and received.

### **TWENTY-FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

The claims are barred, in whole or part, for failure to properly account for the time value of money through an interest or other adjustment to the amounts of principal deposited into the account at Madoff Securities.

**TWENTY-SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

The claims are barred, in whole or part, because they depend upon calculations that improperly attempt to avoid transfers that occurred prior to six years before the Filing Date.

**TWENTY-THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

The claims are barred, in whole or part, because they depend upon calculations that improperly attempt to avoid transfers that occurred prior to two years before the Filing Date.

**TWENTY-FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

The claims are barred because they fail to sufficiently trace the funds that are the subject of the alleged transfers from BLMIS to the Defendant.

**TWENTY-FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

The claims are barred, in whole or in part, for failure to properly credit inter-account transfers.

**TWENTY-SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

Without admitting the allegations in the Complaint, any transfers alleged to be made by the Debtor, to the extent they were actually received by the Defendant, are subject to setoff or equitable adjustment because the alleged transfers were made to pay estate and/or income taxes based on the value of assets and statements of gains and income reflected in the BLMIS account at issue. The Internal Revenue Code (“IRC”) requires payment of estate taxes, IRC § 2001 *et seq.*, and income taxes, IRC §§ 1 *et seq.* and 641 *et seq.*, based on, among other things, the amount of the funds and/or income generated in brokerage accounts. Accordingly, the Internal Revenue Code requires that tax payments be made based upon the value of the assets reflected in, and/or any gains or income reflected in, BLMIS brokerage statements. Defendant relied upon



these statements in making such payments in order to comply with, among other federal and state statutes, IRC §§ 2001 *et seq.*, 1 *et seq.*, and 641 *et seq.*

#### **TWENTY-SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

Even if Plaintiff were entitled to any recovery, he would not be entitled to interest from the date of each alleged transfer.

#### **TWENTY-EIGHTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

Even if Plaintiff were entitled to any recovery, he would not be entitled to any prejudgment interest under N.Y. CPLR 5001 and 5004 because, among other reasons, all claims except those under 11 U.S.C. § 548(a)(1)(A) and 550 have been dismissed, and accordingly, N.Y. CPLR 5001 and 5004 do not apply.

#### **TWENTY-NINTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

If and to the extent Plaintiff were entitled to any prejudgment interest, the Defendant would be entitled to set off any such amount by, among other things, the amount of interest Defendant should have realized on their principal that was held by BLMIS.

#### **THIRTIETH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

Recovery of attorneys' fees from Defendant is not permissible under the Bankruptcy Code or the New York Debtor and Creditor Law because such fees are not a "transfer" or "conveyance" under applicable law.

#### **THIRTY-FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

The claims, including the claim seeing an assignment of any of Defendant's income tax refunds from the United States, and state and local governments, paid on alleged fictitious

profits, are barred, in whole or in part, because Plaintiff is entitled to only a single satisfaction under 11 U.S.C. § 550(d).

#### **THIRTY-SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

Plaintiff is barred from seeking any assignment of any of Defendant's income tax refunds from the United States, and state and local governments paid on alleged fictitious profits because such assignment is prohibited by federal law, including (without limitation) 31 U.S.C. § 3727.

#### **THIRTY-THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

Plaintiff is barred from seeking any assignment of any of Defendant's income tax refunds from the United States, and state and local governments paid on alleged fictitious profits if and to the extent Defendant is not permitted to set off any damages awarded to the Plaintiff.

#### **THIRTY-FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

Defendant expressly reserves the right to set forth additional defenses as such come to light in the course of discovery.

#### **THIRTY-FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

The transfers are not avoidable and/or recoverable because the funds at issue were held in trust by BLMIS and were not property in which BLMIS had a legal interest.

#### **THIRTY-SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

The claims are barred, in whole or part, by the doctrines and principles of res judicata, collateral estoppel, and/or issue preclusion.

#### **THIRTY-SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

Each claim for avoidance and recovery of a transfer is subject to setoff or other equitable adjustment to the extent that such transfers were, in whole or part, used by the Defendant to

satisfy funding or other commitments to organizations that meet the requirements for tax-exempt status.

#### **THIRTY-EIGHT AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

Plaintiff's claims are barred, in whole or part, because, to the extent that Plaintiff incurred any injury or damage as alleged in the Complaint (which is denied), any such injury or damage was caused and brought about by the act, conduct or omissions of individuals and/or entities other than Defendant, and therefore, any recovery herein should be precluded or diminished in proportion to the amount of fault attributable to such other individuals and/or entities.

#### **THIRTY-NINTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

Plaintiff can't recover on his claims because he can't demonstrate that the Debtor was insolvent at the time of the transfers in question.

#### **FORTIETH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

The alleged transfers are not avoidable or recoverable as against Defendant under the single satisfaction rule set forth in Section 550(d) of the Bankruptcy Code and/or under New York law.

#### **FORTY-FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

The alleged transfers are not avoidable or recoverable as against either Defendant, in whole or part, because the alleged transfers and/or Defendant's property is exempt from recovery by Plaintiff.

**FORTY-SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

The claims should be dismissed due to Defendant's justifiable reliance on the activities of governmental and regulatory bodies, such as the Securities and Exchange Commission and SIPC, to oversee and monitor the activities and business of BLMIS.

**FORTY-THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

The claims are barred by intervening or superseding events, factors, occurrences, or conditions over which Defendant had no control.

**FORTY-FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

The withdrawals that the Plaintiff seeks to recover were legally compelled under State and federal securities laws.

**FORTY-FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

The withdrawals that the Plaintiff seeks to recover represented payments of obligations of the broker that were legally compelled under State and federal securities laws.

**JURY DEMAND**

Defendant hereby demands a trial by jury on all issues so triable.

WHEREFORE, Defendant request entry of judgment against Plaintiff Trustee as follows, for:

- (i) Dismissal of the Complaint in its entirety with prejudice, on the merits;
- (ii) All costs of suit, including attorneys' fees, expenses and disbursements; and
- (iii) Such other and further relief as the Court deems proper.

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